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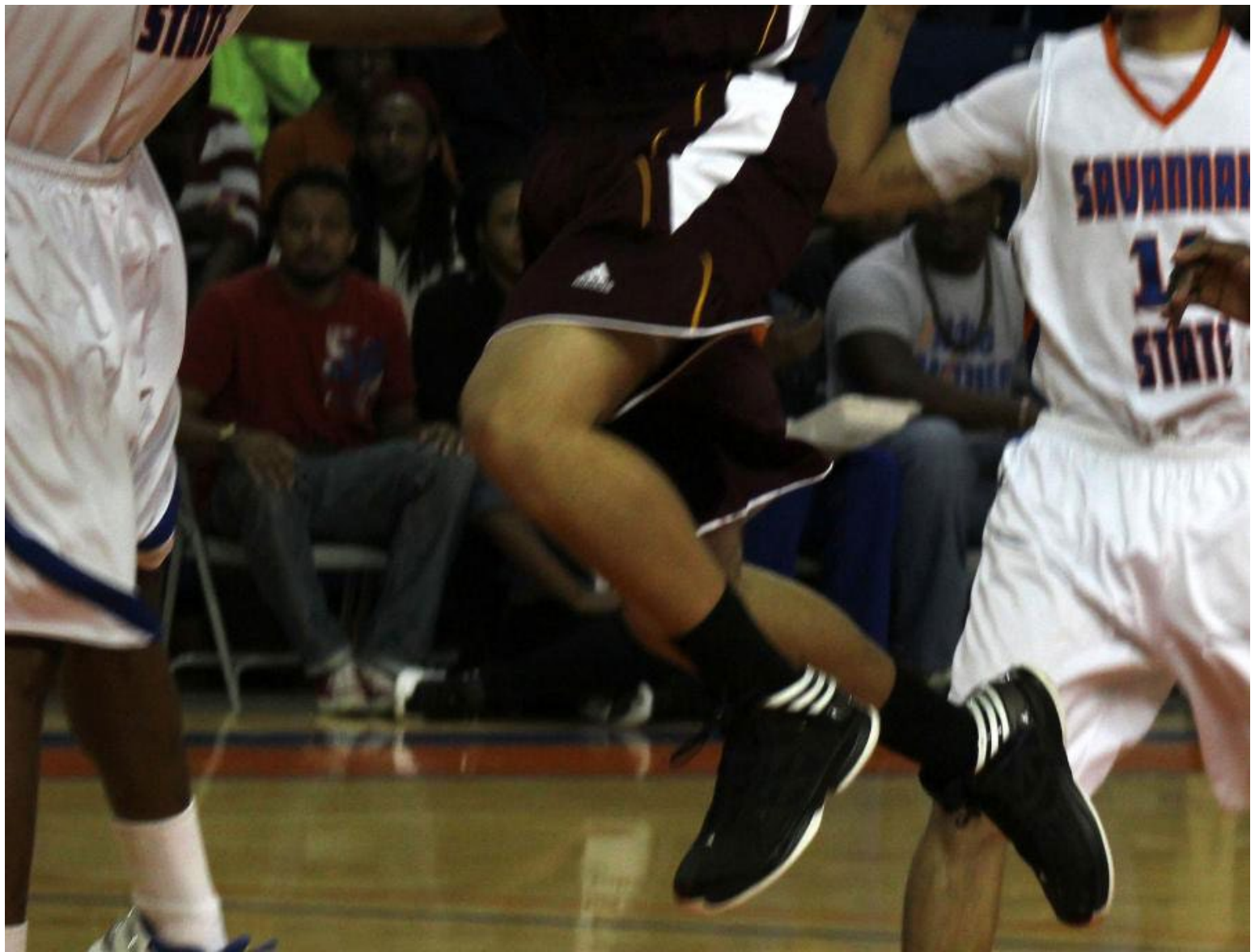
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ARMSTRONG

SAINT LEO

72	Final	1	2	T	60
	ARMSTRONG (4-1)	34	38	72	
	SAINT LEO (3-2)	30	30	60	





Posted: Nov 30, 2012

SAINT LEO, Fla. - Armstrong Atlantic State University senior **Aric Miller** pumped in a career-high 35 points to lead the Pirates to a 72-60 win over No. 20-ranked Saint Leo University on Friday evening at the Ames Classic in Saint Leo, Fla.

The Pirates (4-1) won their fourth straight while picking up their first win over a nationally-ranked team since an 86-80 win over No. 16 Georgia Southwestern State on February 10, 2011. Saint Leo falls to 3-2 with the loss.

Armstrong used a quick 7-0 run in the first half to break a 11-all tie and take an 18-11 lead with 13:46 remaining until halftime. Saint Leo battled back to tie things up at 20-all, but another 7-0 run - capped by a Miller layup - put the Pirates back out front, 27-20.

The Pirates took a four-point lead into halftime, 34-30, and Armstrong scored the first five points of the second half to build a nine-point advantage. Saint Leo drew within two points, 45-43, on a three-point shot by Marcus Ruh, but Armstrong responded with two Miller free

GAME LEADERS	
ARMSTRONG	
Pts:	Aric Miller - 35
Reb:	Eric Eversley - 8
Ast:	Aric Miller - 3
SAINT LEO	
Pts:	2 Players (#03, #34) - 13
Reb:	Chim Kadima - 9
Ast:	Trent Thomas - 5

TEAM STATS		
ARMSTRONG		SAINT LEO
(24-53)	Field Goals	(21-74)
45.3%	Field Goal %	28.4%

throws and eventually stretched the lead to double digits, 57-45, on a Kenny Bellinger layup with 5:23 left. The Lions would get no closer than five points the rest of the way.

Miller hit 12-of-18 shots from the floor, including 5-of-9 three-pointers, and hit 6-of-7 shots from the free throw line for his career-high 35 points. He is the first Armstrong player to score 35 points in a contest since Jock Page had 37 points at USC Upstate on February 5, 1994. Bellinger added 10 points for the Pirates.

Saint Leo placed five players in double figures, led by Marcus Ruh and Trent Thomas with 13 points apiece, Shaun Adams with 12 points, Jerrel Harris with 11 points and Chim Kadima with 10 points off the bench.

The Pirates wrap up action in the Saint Leo Ames Classic on Saturday, facing Tampa at 6:30 p.m. at Saint Leo.

45	Rebounds	44
5	Assists	14
15	Turnovers	8
13	Pts off Turnovers	18
9	2nd Chance Pts	7
20	Pts in the Paint	16
4	Fastbreak Pts	4
5	Bench Pts	11

FULL STATS



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